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John Kean to Susan Kean, November 25, 1787

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I wrote my dear Susan on the 22^d
I told her that I arrived safely after
a passage of twelve days agreeable in
every respect but its length and my
extraordinary sickness -

We were so unfortunate as not to
find a vessel, by which I could imme-
-diately convey comfort to my soul with
you -

Jones & Strong have both arrived from
Philadelphia since we have - they shall
not return without tokens of my affection.

Tomorrow I leave this for Brauford -
this will remove me further from my love
& may disappoint us sometimes but
not long I hope

M^{rs} Butler is not in town and
I have no mode of sending her Nancy's
present of Hollihock seed -

M^{rs} Roberts has not yet got the
lace - she has promised me to look for it
to day -

I have sold my horses for three hundred dollars which I have directed to be sent my Susan by Saltus - this with two hundred dollars of the money I had reserved for paying our passages & freight is all that I shall be able to transmit at present - I know that I need not recommend economy to my dear girl - but our new misfortunes call for the greatest attention -

Without you can get some of the money for that Bond I am afraid we shall not be able to replace our horses again direct.

I am flattered by my friends here with assurances if the new government takes place which is not doubted that I shall be one of their representatives, if so I may be gratified in the greatest pleasure that my nature is capable of that of continuing my Dear Susan near her friends

and relatives & thereby adding to her happiness which is the thing that I most desire and wish to be able to accomplish—

Write to me constantly tell me every thing that passes in the soul of my love the most minute thing is consequential to me—our little embryo—don't hate it because it has parted you from the man you love—cherish it as the comfort & blessing of our life—love it for its fathers sake—

I hope you are easy in your lodging that you have good neighbours—if the least thing disagreeable happens, I beg you to take a house—I dare say Hartmans may yet be had—

I am going to keep Batchelors hall in Braufort—I have got twelve green chairs & mean to have a pine table—1 doz yellow plates & 6 knives & forks will be my drawing & dining room furniture

my bed chamber will be adorned with a
bedstead around which will flow no curtain
nor will a glass reflect the visage of your
love - as to the kitchen. one iron pott will
serve me & my suite - a cow will furnish
me the chief part of my diet & milk does
not require much cooking -

Say all the pretty things that
your fertile imagination can invent and
your sweet tongue utter to my acquaintances -
to my friends say that from my heart
I love them -

Adieu my love -

May the omnipotent ruler shield thee
from danger & guard thee in the moment
of pain & difficulty pray thy

Affectionate

John Kean

Charleston
Novem^r 25th 1787.